(c) The Government has taken the following steps to help the farmers increase the production and yield of jute and cotton:

(i) For raw jute, various research institutions like CRIJAF, NIRJAFT have given thrust on high yielding selections and multiplication of seeds to improve the yield of the fibre.

(ii) For improving the quality of raw jute, better retting tank facilities are being provided in various jute growing states, to the farmers.

(iii) For improving the yield and quality of cotton, a Cotton Technology Mission is being formulated. The mission will concentrate on cotton research for improvement of varietal profile and development of production technology towards improvement of production and quality of cotton.

Voluntary Retirement/Terminal Benefits of Employees of N.T.C.

888. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the NTC units have been closed and others are in a badshape due to out-dated technology and its employees are not paid salary; if so, where these mills are located;

(b) whether NTC owns lands in metropolitan cities where these mills are located; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any plan of offer voluntary retirement to employees "of NTC or other terminal benefits, and permit NTC to use land for commercial purposes and redeem its loss; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Out of 119 mills of NTC, 80 mills are working either fully or partially. There is no production activity in 39 mills whos; name with locations are given in the enclosed Statement-I *{see* below) Shortfall in wages/ salaries is being met by the Government. All permanent NTC employees are being paid their wages and salaries although some time there may be delay in making payments.

(b) Details of lands with NTC mills located in Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Calcutta are enclosed as Statement-II *(see* below).

(c) and (d) A Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) to reduce the surplus manpower is already in operation in NTC and 60583 employees have availed the benefits of the scheme upto 31.10.1999.

Government is preparing a revised turn around plan of NTC which involves inter-alia VRS and utilisation of the proceeds from the sale of land of mills.

Statement-I

List of 39 Milk with no Activity

S.No.	NAME OF THE MILLS	LOCATIONS
1.	Edward Mills	Beawar
2.	Swadeshi Textile Mills	, Indore
3.	Kalyanmal Mills	Indore
4.	Indore Malwa Mills	Indore
5.	Hira Mills	Ujjain
6.	Muir Mills	Kanpur
7.	New Victoria Mills	Kanpur
8.	Swadeshi Mills	Kanpur
9.	Laxmi Rattan Mills, Kanpur	Kanpur
10.	Atherton Mills,	Kanpur
11.	Lord Krishna Mills	Saharanpur
12.	Shri Vikram Mills	Lucknow
13.	Rae Bareli Tax. Mills	Rae Bareli
14.	Indu No. 4	Mumbai
15.	Kohinoor No. 2	Mumbai
16.	Kohlnoor No. 3	Mumbai
17.	Rajkot Mills	Rajkot
18.	Mahalaxmi Mills	Bhavnagar
19.	Petlad Mills	Petlad
20.	Ahmedabad Jupiter Mills	Ahmedabad
21.	Jehangir Tex. Mills	Ahmedabad

S.No.	NAME OF THE MILLS	LOCATIONS
22.	Viramgam Mills	Viramgam
23.	New Manek Chowk	Ahmedabad
24.	Raj Nagar-2	Ahmedabad
25.	Ajamjahi Mills	Warangal
26.	M.S.K. Mills	Gulbarga
27.	Tirupathi Mills	Renigunta
28.	Natraj Mills	Nirmal
29.	Netha Mills	Secundrabad
30.	Adoni Mills	Adonhi
31.	Anantpur Mills	Tadapatri
32.	Bengal Fine-2	Katagunj
33.	Mahindra B.T. Mills	Cossimbazar
34.	Sri Mahalaxmi Mills	Palta
35.	Jyoti Wvg. Factory	Patipukur
36.	Central Cotton Mills	Belut
37.	Gaya Cotton Mills	Gaya
38.	Sodepur Cotton Mills	Sodepur
39.	Bengasari Cotton Mills	Sukhchar

Statement-II

Details of total land of NTC Mills in Metropolitan cities

SI. No.	Name of the Mill	Total land in (Acres)
1	2	3
	DELHI	
1.	Ajodhya	13.20
	MUMBAI	
2.	Indu Mills No. 1 Indu	20.29
3.	Mills NO. 6 Kohinoor	11.95
4.	No.l Tata Mills Indu	26.79
5.	Mills No. 2	34.39
6.		10.64

1	2	3
7.	Indu Mills No. 3	5.40
8.	Indu Mills No. 4	7.79
9.	Indu Mills NO. 5	5.56
10.	Jam Mills	8.05
11.	Kohinoor No. 2 (included in	0.00
12.	Kohinoor No. 3 Kohinoor No. 1)	0.00
13.	Podar Mills	6.19
14.	Sita Ram Mills	14.48
15.	Apollo Mills	13.91
16.	Bharat Mills	8.37
17.	Digvijay Mills	9.33
18.	Elphinstone Mills	8.91
19.	Finlay Mills	10.40
20.	Gold Mohur Mills	7.05
21.	Jupiter Mills	10.91
22.	Madhusudan Mills	18.05
23.	Mumbai Mills	16.62
24.	New City Mills	6.70
25.	New Hind Mills	8.33
26.	Podar Process	2.39
	BANGALORE	
27.	Minerva Mills	60.97
28.	Mysore Mills	27.79
	CALCUTTA	
29. '	Aarti Cotton Mills	13.47
30.	Bangasri	" 26.46
31.	Bengal fine-1	12.10
32.	Bengal Fine-2	19.44
33.	Bengal Laxmi	27.97
34.	Central Cotton	11.67
35.	Jyoti Weaving	4.29
36.	Laxmi Narain -	21.83
37.	Rampooria	33.00
38.	Sodepore Mills '	6.33
39.	Shri Mahalaxmi	11.24